

Welcome!

Whether you are a long-time member, occasional worshiper, or new visitor with us, we hope that in this service you will encounter the living Christ and be strengthened by God's promises for you. Please visit our website at covenantpresstaunton.org to learn more about our ministries and Covenant life together. We are happy to have you as part of our church family today!

Bringing forward the communion elements this morning are Claire and Anna Drumheller.

Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship.

Children's worship folders are available in the Narthex.

Should you find that your child grows restless, there is childcare available in the nursery for ages 3 and under.

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Covenant Presbyterian Church

Striving to be Faithful Disciples of Christ:
Worshiping with Joy, Growing in Faith, Serving in Love

MAY 5, 2024
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:30 AM

*As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please silence any mobile devices.
This service is live streamed on Facebook.*

STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

PRELUDE.....Limbaugh

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT.....CANTA! AO SENHOR

O Sing to the Lord

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 98)

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song!

People: The Lord has done marvelous things!

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth!

People: Let all creation sing for joy!

*HYMN No. 641.....ENGELBERG

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION



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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Glory, all creation sings your praise. We confess that our eyes are too often blinded to the wonder of all you have made; we turn deaf ears to the glorious melodies and sacred sounds that echo in our midst day to day. Our praise is muted by disordered priorities, selfish concerns, and apathetic airs. We, who are so blessed, live with too little joy and too much fear. Forgive us. Stir our hearts with joy, hope, and peace, so that our lives may reflect our joyful, hope-filled lives in you. Lord, hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn No. 466

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!*

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE — All children are welcome to come forward. Those parents who prefer their child(ren) not be on camera are welcome to have their child(ren) continue sitting with them during this time. *(Following the Children’s Message, children ages 3-1st grade are invited to exit the sanctuary for Covenant Kids.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING..... Pg. 678 of the Old Testament, *Pew Bible Psalm 98*

SECOND READING.....Pg. 158 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible Acts 10:44-48*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....**JOHN PETERSON**

“JOY TO AND FROM THE WORLD!”

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — *The Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*HYMN No. 134.....ANTIOCH

Joy to the World

SERVING IN LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER (...“sins”)

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM.....Smith

Come Ye Disconsolate

PRAYER

HYMN No. 511 (Stanzas 2 &3).....Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven

*All is ready, come attend, Alleluia!
As the Lord’s invited friend; Alleluia!
Come from north, west, south, and east; Alleluia!
Celebrate the joyful feast. Alleluia!*

*All who trust in God belong, Alleluia!
At this banquet with this throng. Alleluia!
Share the mystic holy food; Alleluia!
Taste and see: the Lord is good. Alleluia!*

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(The Sanctus is Hymn No. 562)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(We will partake of the Communion elements together after all are served.)

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 80.....THE TREES OF THE FIELD

You Shall Go Out with Joy

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE.....Harling

Amen

POSTLUDE.....Diemer

Toccata for a Joyful Day

(Please be seated for the Postlude or exit the sanctuary quietly while the Postlude is being played.)

**Those who are able, please stand.*

HYMN No. 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

***When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!***

***How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!***

***So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Alleluia!***

***And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
Alleluia!***

***Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!***

HYMN No. 134

Joy to the World

***Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.***

***Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.***

***No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.***

***He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.***

HYMN No. 80

You Shall Go Out with Joy

***You shall go out with joy and
be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.***

***And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.***